



**Agenda for Meeting of
Thursday, January 14, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

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REGULAR MEETING

Item 1: Call to Order

Item 2: Roll Call

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes

Approval of Commission Minutes of November 19, 2020.

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Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for Commissioners to make announcements or comments.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for the Executive Director to make announcements or comments.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for the Commission's General Counsel to make announcements or comments.

Item 8: Adjourn to Closed Session

Adjournment to Closed Session to discuss the items listed in the Closed Session portion of the Agenda. Reportable actions for the closed session items on the agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/ethics/meetings/2021meetings> by close of business on Friday, January 15, 2021.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (2 potential matters: Case Nos. 2021-01 and 2021-02). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider initiating a formal investigation against a person or persons who are alleged to have violated local ethics laws. Should an investigation be authorized, the identity of the person or persons being investigated will be available upon request only if and after a Draft Administrative Complaint is issued. The nature and

details of the allegations will be available upon request only if and after a Final Administrative Complaint is issued.

Item 2: Conference with Legal Counsel

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (1 potential matter: Case No. 2020-33). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider the settlement, dismissal, status of an investigation, or the issuance of a subpoena or Draft Administrative Complaint, with regard to an enforcement action against a person or persons alleged to have violated local governmental ethics laws. Should the issuance of a Draft Administrative Complaint be authorized, the identity of the Respondent or Respondents will be available after a Draft Administrative Complaint is issued and the matter is noticed for discussion as pending litigation. The nature and details of the allegations will be available upon request only if and after a Final Administrative Complaint is issued.

Item 3: Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation. Pending litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) (Advantage Towing Company and Ayman Arekat v. San Diego Ethics Commission, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2016-00025238-CU-WM-CTL, Court of Appeal Case No. D077041). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider the settlement, status, or strategy associated with existing litigation.

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COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission **prior** to the start of the meeting. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission on any issue brought forth under “Non-Agenda Comment” shall take no discussion or action, other than a referral.